

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE  
MEDIA RELEASE

The State College Borough Council held their 2009 Annual ABC Dinner on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, to honor residents' who serve on the Borough's Authorities, Boards and Commissions (ABC). Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 20 individuals who have completed their term of service on an ABC in 2008 by Elizabeth Goreham, President of Council.



James McClure (pictured on the right) received the individual Legacy Award, presented by Council Member Silvi Lawrence, for his work with the Borough during the 1960s and 1970s. Mr. McClure was instrumental in the development of the Borough's sign ordinance and served on Council for 9 years. His work included the preservation of the historic quality of the neighborhoods in the Borough. Mr. McClure was also actively involved in creating and maintaining the Centre Area

Transportation Authority (CATA). Mr. McClure served in different capacities with the Borough and helped to bring both regional Planning and the Council of Governments into existence. Mr. McClure was also one of the founders of the ClearWater Conservancy and served as its first president.



John Spearly, Board President of Centre LifeLink EMS, (pictured on the right) accepted the institutional Legacy Award from Mayor Bill Welch. The Legacy Award recognizes an organization that has made lasting contributions to the Borough. Few organizations have given so much to the community for so long as Centre LifeLink EMS - the community's ambulance service. Year in and year out, Centre LifeLink's emergency responders provide an outstanding, vital community service every day of the year. Centre LifeLink operates six ambulances and four non-emergency vans, which respond to an average of 16.8 total calls per day.



Ralph Pileggi (pictured on the right) accepted the Ingrid P. Holtzman Award from Council Member James Rosenberger on behalf of Prime Property Group. The “Ingrid” is awarded to a worthy individual, organization, company, or corporation who has enhanced, promoted, or maintained the aesthetic appearance of the Borough. The Pileggi brothers, Rob and Ralph, proprietors of Prime Property Group, own the property at 700 West College Avenue, which was destroyed by fire in April 2006. By choosing a local architect sensitive to

the issues of maintaining the architectural character of the neighborhood, the owners were able to rebuild a structure that matched the character of the neighborhood while providing for more open space. Two additional apartment units were added by using the incentives available in the Urban Village zoning district while reducing the number of parking spaces by two. Also present at the dinner were Anna Childe, architect, Billie and Johnny Sallurday of Jack Frost Builders, and Cheryl Daniels, property manager.



Gary Schultz, Senior Vice President for Finance & Business at Penn State, (pictured on the left) was awarded the Arnold Addison Award, presented by Council Member Ron Filippelli. The Arnold Addison Award was established in 2007 to recognize a person or group who has promoted the welfare of the community through Town/Gown relations. Mr. Schultz has worked for Penn State for nearly 40 years and has devoted much of that time to working with the community. He has promoted the economic viability and sustainability of the downtown, and provided

leadership and sensitivity when university spaces interfaced with the downtown. He has worked to improve safety and awareness both on campus and in the community, through the encouragement of cooperative efforts of local police forces. Mr. Schultz has worked with not only the Borough but other municipalities in the Centre Region to promote open communication channels between Penn State University officials and local government, which provided a much-needed point of contact for information sharing on issues that impacted both the University and the local community. Mr. Schultz donated his monetary award of \$500 to Penn State’s General Scholarship Fund.



Rosalie Bloom-Brooks (pictured on the left) was presented with the XYZ Award by Council Member Don Hahn. The XYZ is awarded to an individual who has served on an authority, board or commission and made exemplary contributions to the Borough. Ms. Bloom-Brooks was recognized for her service on the Historic Resource Commission, Urban Village Revitalization Plan Steering Committee, and the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Bloom-Brooks, a long-time resident of the Borough, has been active in assuring that the residential character of the Borough neighborhoods is not lost. By

maintaining her home on Beaver Avenue, she has not only advocated, but also proven, that single-family homes close to campus need not be converted to rental housing.